

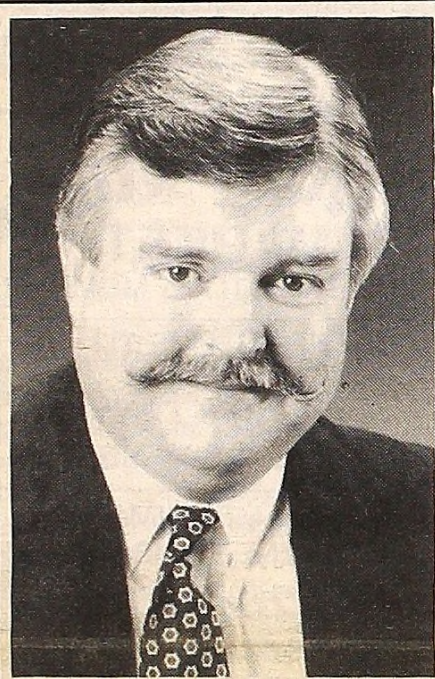
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Wayne County Commission Announces Evaluation Process for Airport Expansion



Commissioner Bruce Patterson is one of the members of the new Airport Expansion Commission.

Expansion. Commissioners Michelle Plawecki and George Cushingberry will serve as Committee Vice-Chairs. Commissioner Plawecki serves as Chair of the Committee on Roads, Airports, and Public Service; Commissioner Cushingberry serves as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Commission Vice-Chair Kay Beard, "Dean of the Commission," and Vice-Chair Pro-Tempore Edna Bell, Chair of the Subcommittee on Small, Minority, and Women-owned Businesses, will serve on the Committee, as well.

Also serving are Commissioners Robert Blackwell and Bruce Patterson, who respectively serve as Vice-Chairman of the Committees on Roads, Airports, and Public Service and Ways and Means. More importantly, Commissioner Patterson represents District #11, the Commission district that encompasses Metropolitan Airport.

Wayne County Commission Chairman Solomon will Chair the Committee.

The Special Committee will be staffed by Wayne County Commission Director of Administration and Chief Operating Officer Victor L. Marsh, Auditor General Ramona Henderson-Pearson, General Counsel Ben Washburn, and Senior Fiscal Analyst Joellen Shortley Perlman.

A schedule of meetings and action plan for the Special Committee will be provided to all Wayne County Commissioners and media, according to Solomon. The input of every Commissioner will be solicited, and all information provided to the Committee will be readily available to each Commissioner. The Committee will submit its report to the full Commission for final deliberation and action.

"The Commissioners and staff members who will serve on this committee bring a multi-disciplinary focus to our evaluation process," commented Commissioner Solomon. "I believe that they will do an outstanding job in ana-

lyzing this agreement for the taxpayers of Wayne County."

The \$1.6-billion Airport Expansion project will double the size of the Airport, creating management and operational challenges. To address these and other issues, explained Solomon, the Commission has identified several critical areas on which their evaluation will focus:

- The Airport Expansion is scheduled to be completed in 2000. The Wayne County Commission wants to ensure that the construction schedule is reasonable and that the project can be completed on time and within budget.
- The management team for the project is crucial to its success. The Commission wants to be assured that the Airport Expansion Management Team is the best that can be assembled with appropriate staffing levels for a project of this magnitude.

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Wayne County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon recently announced the formation of a Special Committee on Airport Expansion. This committee will review and evaluate the agreement between Wayne County and Northwest Airlines.

"The role of the Commission in the Airport expansion is very clear," said Solomon. "It is not to renegotiate this agreement or obstruct its process; however, as the legislative arm and coequal branch of County government, it is our fiduciary responsibility to conduct an 'independent and objective' review of this contract. The Special Committee on Airport Expansion will provide the best mechanism for us to accomplish our charge.

"Result of the Commission's staff preliminary fact-finding regarding this project and discussions with experts in airport management and operation has led me to conclude that a special committee, focusing only on the issue of Airport expansion, would be the most expeditious manner to conduct a review of this project," Solomon continued. "The special committee affords us the opportunity to assemble the best team possible to conduct our review."

Seven Commissioners will serve on the Special Committee on Airport

By Kristi Stephens

On Tuesday, June 4, Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) conducted a pre-application meeting for a hazardous-waste storage, treatment, and deepwell-disposal facility to be constructed on its Citrin Road property. The meeting was held in accordance with a recent United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) rule which was created to allow members of the public to get involved in the review process earlier – specifically, before an Act 451, Part 111 permit application is filed with the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

Despite a light turnout for the meeting, EDS conducted a detailed presentation and question-and-answer session on the proposed well facility for those who were interested in learning about the project firsthand. Along with health scientist/private consultant Dr. Rick Harding, EDS vice-president Austin Marshall discussed: **project activity to date** (including which applications

have been filed and what feasibility studies have been conducted to evaluate existing soil and groundwater conditions); **basic operating structures proposed for the site** (including: one storage/treatment building which will completely enclose both trucks and rail cars for staging and unloading; 250,000 gallons in storage capacity; two 4,500-foot deepwells to be operated in alternation only; one office building; and one security guard house); and **proposed operating conditions**, including:

- a truck route restricted to I-94 to Middlebelt to Wick to Inkster to Citrin, then back to I-94 along the same route, with definite restrictions against passing local schools and/or public housing facilities, and prohibition of overnight truck storage;
- requirements for pre-approval of deliveries, on-site testing prior to injection, and on-site spill-control equipment and trained personnel;
- maintenance of monitor wells to check the uppermost aquifer;

- quarterly analysis of drinking-water wells within one mile of the deepwell, at EDS' expense;
- training of Fire and Police personnel in hazardous-waste management, also at EDS' expense; and
- a requirement that EDS will compensate the State or City for the cost of a full-time, on-site auditor.

EDS vice-president Marshall declared himself pleased with the meeting's outcome: "It was refreshing to be able to share undistorted information from authoritative sources with the people of Romulus," Marshall explained. "I was especially glad of the opportunity to refute misinformation that was disseminated at recent City Council meetings – in particular, the misconception that EDS is seeking a limited-storage facility, and that we do not plan to go before the City's Environmental Health Board. At this time, we are waiting on information from the City that will allow us to prepare final site plans to submit to the City's boards. □

Pre-Application Meeting Held for EDS' Second Proposed Well Site

Guest Commentary

Time For Term Limits? Democrats Say No!

By Bruce Patterson, Commissioner,
Wayne County District #11

Tuesday, May 28, 1996, was the deadline for the Wayne County Commission to approve ballot proposals to be considered by the voters at the August 6, 1996 Primary Election. However, the same cast of Detroit-based, Wayne County Democratic Commissioners who said *yes* to placing a *tax increase* proposal on the ballot (an increase of one-quarter mill for a period of five years, earmarked for the improvement and operations of several Wayne County parks), said *no* to placing a *term limit* proposal on the ballot.

"We need to study it a while longer," they groaned. "We don't know all of the ramifications," they lamented. "Term limits are just not a good idea," they exclaimed, these Detroit Democratic Commissioners. And so, the package of proposals which would have allowed the voters of Wayne County to decide whether or not they want to establish a system of term limits for County officials was sent to Committee for a long "rest."

The idea for term limits was being advanced by the three Republican Wayne County Commissioners: McCotter (R-Livonia, 10th District), Richner (R-Grosse Pointe, 1st District), and myself. In part, it was brought up at the request of several citizen activists who had appeared before the Commission several months ago. In part, it was being advanced as an aspect of the overall *Omnibus Legislative Reform* package which I developed and first revealed in January, 1996. That package has already resulted in the establishment of a Citizen-Based Ethics Review Committee.

My belief is in the principle that the people who elected each and every one of us has the right to participate in the operation of their government to a *greater* extent, not a *lesser* one. They

have the right to know what is going on Downtown in our meetings, and how each of us is voting on the issues. To the extent the people are informed, I believe our society is better off. And, I certainly believe that if there are citizens who are in favor of term limits, then we have an obligation to let the people vote on the idea. There are valid points both in favor of, and in opposition to, the concept of term limits. But after all, it is a government of and by the people, not the elected officials, so let the people make an informed decision.

We will have to wait and see if the proposals are allowed to come out of Committee in time for the November General Election. If not, then all three Republican Commissioners have vowed to work with the citizen activists in developing a citizens' initiative.

(Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time. For more information, please contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113.)

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The following is a response to the letter from Sandra Yerman which was published in the May 24, 1996 issue of *The Romulus News*. I have divided it up into sections to make it easier to read.

Who Invited Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) to the second well site near the Romulus/Taylor border?

Ms. Yerman asks, Who invited EDS to the second well site near the Romulus/Taylor Border? This is an excellent question to which the general public deserves an answer. The answer is clearly the City of Romulus and former Mayor Beverly McAnally.

In the City's lawsuit against EDS, the City's only argument was that the EDS project should be in the MT-2 district near Taylor. Nowhere in the lawsuit was there any argument to prevent EDS from being in Romulus. The City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) also said that this type of project should be in a different zoning district in Romulus, but did not say it should not be in Romulus at all. Judge Morcom also said the same thing in her decision on the appeal of the BZA decision.

The direction for EDS to move to the MT-2 district also came from Mayor McAnally and the Council in two other forms. The first occurred when the City Attorney advised us that the only way to settle the lawsuits would be if EDS agreed to move to the MT-2 zoning district. The second form was in amendments to the zoning ordinance made by the City Council in November of 1995 that specifically limited injection-well projects to the MT-2 zoning district.

Beyond the fact that the City's 1993 lawsuit, the BZA, the Wayne County Circuit Court, and the November 1995 revision to the zoning ordinance all say that this type of a project should be in the MT-2 zoning district, the particular property selected in the MT-2 district was one that was preferred among three or four other properties suggested for us to pursue by the City of Romulus Planning Consultant and the City of Romulus Attorney. This recommendation was made directly to this writer.

If you step back and look at each of the above-mentioned events, you should realize that they all are created by the arguments made in the 1993 lawsuit brought by the City against EDS — those being that EDS should be in the MT-2 zoning district, not outside of Romulus.

EDS does not want to move its project to the site on the east side of

town; however, the City has forced us to go there.

I suggest that you also ask this question of Mayor McAnally, her city attorney, her city planner, and the Chairman of the BZA.

Before what board or commission of the City is EDS supposed to appear regarding its project near Wick and Inkster roads?

EDS is waiting on engineering data requested from the City that we need to complete site plans. Once we receive the information requested from the City, EDS will be able to complete site planning and design work required for submittal to various agencies. If we do not receive the requested information from the City, we cannot submit site plans for review.

Why Mayor McAnally had the EDS welcoming resolution rescinded

The facts show that former Mayor Beverly McAnally encouraged the Council to rescind the resolution because a change occurred in the corporate entities involved. Interestingly enough, the change in corporate entity involved a departure from EDS by a major campaign contributor to Mayor McAnally. What a coincidence.

What are Class 5 Injection wells?

Class 5 wells represent far more risk to groundwater than Class 1 injection wells because many of them inject into or above drinking-water zones, where Class 1 wells inject far below any drinking waters.

Class 5 wells are not included in the other classes of wells used to inject nonhazardous fluid into or above an Underground Source of Drinking Water (USDW). Other classes of wells in use today are Class 1 wells that inject below the lowermost USDW; Class 2 wells used to dispose of wastewaters that come from the production of oil and natural gas; and Class 3 wells used to inject fluids for the extraction of minerals. Typical examples of Class 5 wells consist of:

- septic systems;
- cesspools;
- wastewater treatment plant injection wells;
- farm drainage wells;
- storm-water drainage wells from streets, parking lots;
- storm-water drainage wells from residential areas;
- storm-water drainage wells from building roofs; and
- automobile service station drains.

The State of Michigan, Department of Public Health recently stated that

Class 5 type wells are far more of a risk to our drinking water than Class 1 wells that inject below drinking-water levels. Class 5 wells inject above or into the drinking-water zone and need to be better regulated because they are a direct, existing cause of contamination to our drinking waters.

There are probably a large number of Class 5 wells currently operated in Romulus that are unregulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) at this time. These wells should be inventoried and reviewed to protect local groundwaters.

Can EDS provide a guarantee that wastewaters injected in Romulus can't travel to the surface and contaminate our groundwater?

This, also, is an excellent question to which the general public should be provided an answer. Ms. Yerman stated that she does expect EDS to provide a guarantee; however, what EDS can provide is the following proofs that this injection-well system is safer than other forms of wastewater disposal, and that experience shows it has been done

successfully for years at facilities in this area.

The U.S. Department of Commerce published a report where they compared the risks associated with various waste-management practices. This study indicated that injection wells involved much lower risk than landfills, hazardous waste treatment facilities, petroleum underground storage tanks, land disposal of hazardous waste, standard industrial manufacturing facilities, and incinerators.

The results of this study are confirmed by experience at the Chemwaste injection well facility in Ohio, which has operated in the same injection formation as the Romulus well for over 20 years without ever causing any impact to the drinking water. These facts about the Vickery, Ohio facility were confirmed by Mr. Harlan Gerrish of the USEPA on May 15, 1996, at Romulus High School. Mr. Gerrish said that the wells in Vickery, Ohio are not a problem, nor have they ever contaminated any drinking water. Experience at this facility indicates that

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Oakley's Filling Station Fund Raiser Packs 'Em In



(From left) Austin Williams, Larry Williams, and Brian A. Oakley at the judicial candidate's recent fund raiser

More than 150 supporters of judicial candidate Brian A. Oakley packed the newly-remodeled Filling Station in New Boston for a May 30 fund raiser.

Among those on hand at the event to show their support were elected officials from Wayne County, Huron Township, and the City of Romulus. The guests munched on hors d'oeuvres – prepared by Filling Station owner (and chef!) Lou Abraham – as they rallied behind the Oakley campaign.

Oakley is running for Judge of the 34th District Court, which serves the communities of Belleville, Huron, Romulus, Sumpter, and Van Buren.

"I was really pleased with tonight's success," said Oakley of his second campaign fund raiser. "It continues the momentum that we created with the March 14 kickoff we held at the P.N.A. Hall in Sumpter."

Oakley's campaign committee is

planning a family picnic at Van Buren Park on August 24, 1996. Mark your calendars – and be sure to watch for more details to be announced in the future. □

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- **Rivers To Hold Town Hall Meeting** – U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers will be holding a town hall meeting at the Westland Friendship Center (1119 North Newburgh Road) on Saturday, June 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This meeting is free and open to all residents of the 13th Congressional District. Rivers plans to open the program with a brief overview of recent actions in the 104th Congress, and will then open the floor to questions. For more information, please call Faith Paroski at 722-1411.
- **Figure 8 Derby** – The Wayne County Fair Association is sponsoring an action-filled USA Figure 8 Derby on Saturday, June 15, at 8 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (located off I-94's exit #190 – Belleville on the northwest service drive). Gates will open at 6 p.m. with free parking at the Fairgrounds. Admission: \$7 for adults; \$4 for kids age 12 and under. A free shuttle bus will run all day, with stops at all locations of the Belleville Strawberry Festival. All shuttles are handicapped-accessible and air-conditioned. Refreshments will be available.
- **Head Start Seeks Students** – The Romulus Head Start and MDE Preschool programs are currently recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for September 1996. These free preschool programs, held at Beverly School, serve children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, call 728-7815.
- **Registration Drive at St. Aloysius** – St. Aloysius Catholic School (located at 37200 Neville Road, near I-275 and I-94, in Romulus) is currently accepting registrations for the 1996–1997 school year. A full curriculum is offered to students in grades K–8. All teachers are State-certified. For further information, call the School (941-3340) any weekday during normal business hours.
- **Display of Native American Artifact Replicas** – Continuing through the month of June, a display of various replicas of Native American artifacts (courtesy of the Outpost, located at 18855 Wahrman Road in New Boston) will be at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) during the Library's normal business hours. For more information, call the Library: 942-7590.
- **Writer Support Group** – Writers Anonymous, a newly formed writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, will meet at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For more information, please call the Library at 942-7589.
- **Premarital Counseling Classes** – Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center–Taylor, in cooperation with the Taylor Teen Health Center, offers premarital counseling classes that fulfill the State of Michigan marriage license requirement. Participants receive information on sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, and prenatal care from a qualified health educator. Classes are offered on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at 10000 Telegraph, Taylor. Cost is \$25 for couples; \$15 for individuals. For more information, or to preregister, call 374-2273.
- **Donations Accepted** – The Outpost (located at 18855 Wahrman Road, New Boston) is an authorized drop-off site for items (no cash or checks, please) to be donated to the charity of St. Vincent De Paul of Detroit. Items may be dropped off at the store between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. any weekday. For information, call the Outpost (753-0522).

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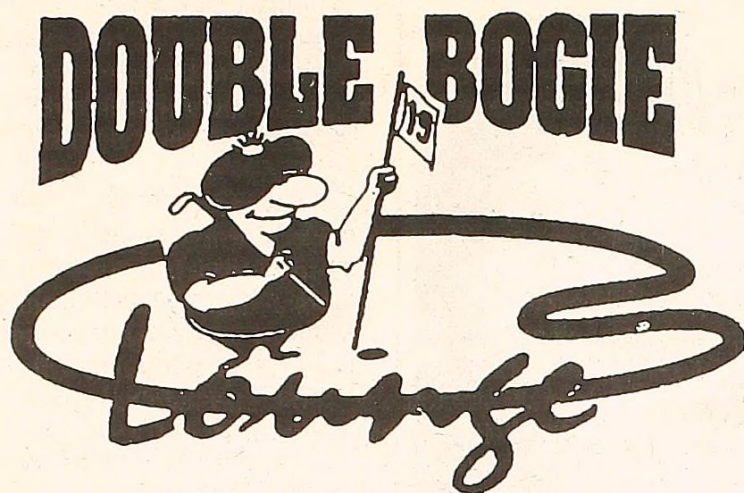
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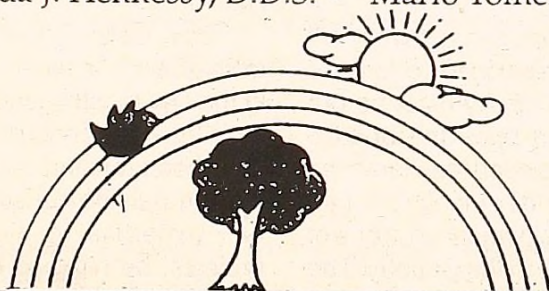
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Thanks to Debbie Dick, director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, recreation coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Adult Dance/Exercise

Individuals age 16 and older are welcome to join this six-week adult dance/exercise program, which meets Mondays from 7 to 7:45 p.m. beginning June 17 and continuing through July 29 (no class on July 1). Cost is \$20. Register at the Recreation office by Friday, June 14.

Youth Karate

Summer karate classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from June 11 through August 8. Cost is \$10. Interested parties should register as soon as possible, since class size is limited.

Youth Dance

Weekly summer dance classes begin Monday, June 17, at the Romulus Recreation Center, and run through July 29 (no class on July 1). Cost is \$20. Scheduled classes are ballet (ages five to 10; 5 to 5:45 p.m.) and jazz (ages 10 to 16; 6 to 6:45 p.m.); however, if Recreation personnel see enough interest, a preschool program may be added. Register at the Recreation office by Friday, June 14.

Youth Golf

This four-week program for youths age seven to 14 will be held at Woodlands Golf Course on Ecorse each Tuesday beginning June 18 and continuing through July 9. Classes will be broken into two divisions: one for ages seven to 10 (10 a.m. to 12 noon) and one for ages 11 to 14 (7:30 to 9:30 a.m.). The \$60 registration fee covers four two-hour junior golf lessons, an American golf T-shirt and cap, a poly bag with bag towel and tab, one free nine-hole round of golf for the junior member and a half-price round of golf for the parent (weekdays only; cart is extra), merchandise discounts, and a concluding party. Register at the Recreation office.

Adult Golf

Adults of all ages and ability are invited to sign up for this five-week golf program, which will be held at the Michigan Golf Center on Michigan Avenue starting the week of July 9. A choice of Tuesday or Wednesday lessons will be available; classes for both sessions begin at 6 p.m. Class sizes will be limited to five to eight students. A \$50 fee covers 45 to 60 minutes of instruction by a PGA-approved instructor. Pre-registration (no later than Wednesday, July 3) is required.

Discount Tickets

Now through August, the Romulus Recreation Department will be selling tickets (cash only, please) to the following amusement parks: Canada's Wonderland, Cedar Point, Crossroads Village, the Detroit Zoo, Four Bears Park, Geauga Lake, Greenfield Village, Kings Island, Michigan Adventure, Michigan Renaissance, Pleasure Island, Sea World, Six Flags (Chicago), and Beach Waterpark (Cincinnati). For prices, call the Recreation office.

Horseshoe Club

The Romulus Horseshoe Club, which meets at Elmer Johnson Park for play each Tuesday, is looking for new members. Men and women ages 13 and up are welcome. All handicaps are averaged for equal play.

For more information, please contact Jim Campbell (729-6499) or James Norville (422-7530). □



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Special Tree Awards Seven \$500 Scholarships

Special Tree Rehabilitation System recently announced its Health Care and Rehabilitation Scholarship award winners for 1996. Recipients include graduating seniors from seven designated high schools located near Special Tree facilities in Wayne, Oakland, and Saginaw counties. The students plan to continue their education in a health-care or rehabilitation field.

Scholarship recipients were selected on the merits of their academic achievement, community and school activities, and interest in health and rehabilitation careers. The one-time scholarship of \$500 will be used by students toward their college tuition. This year's recipients included students from Romulus, Belleville, Kimball, Freeland, Southfield Lathrup, Beverly Hills, and Dondero High Schools.

Stefanie Clemons of Romulus High School received her award on May 8, 1996, at the Senior Awards Banquet. One of six class valedictorians, Stefanie will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall with the goal of becoming a physician.

Winners from other schools are pursuing health-care careers as well. Jennifer Christman, from Belleville High School, plans to major in Physical Therapy at Grand Valley State University. Joseph M. Palmer, from Kimball High School in Royal Oak, has been accepted by the Nursing School at Wayne State University. Laura Herlacke,

a student from Freeland High School near Saginaw, will enter Western Michigan University in the fall with plans of becoming a physician's assistant. Deborah Lila Duben, from Southfield Lathrup High School, has been accepted by Oakland University, and plans to become a nurse anesthetist. Clithra R. Perumalswami achieved a perfect A average in her studies at Groves High School in Beverly Hills, and will major in medicine at Brown University. Traci Bogues, from Dondero High School in Royal Oak, will be attending Grand Valley State University, where she will be studying nursing or physical therapy.

This is the second year that Special Tree has awarded scholarships. "We began the program last year to encourage and assist young persons who are entering health-care and rehabilitation professions," explained Kim Swartz, the 1996 Scholarship Program chairperson. "It's also another way for us to increase brain-injury awareness."

Special Tree Rehabilitation Systems, located at 39000 Chase Road in Romulus, offers rehabilitation services for people who have experienced life-altering changes such as head injuries and strokes.

"We're very proud of the students," continued Swartz. "We want to congratulate the 1996 recipients of the Special Tree Rehabilitation System Health Care and Rehabilitation Scholarship, and wish them the very best in the future." □

Young Writer Gets a Taste of Success



Melissa Lindquist

Good writing skills are an essential ingredient in the recipe for success, and teachers at Romulus High School are striving to ensure that their students are well equipped.

As part of a total program to prepare students in language arts, local teachers have taken advantage of a Nationwide publication that is devoted to the betterment of literary skills.

The *High School Writer* is a monthly classroom teaching magazine developed to provide a "real audience" for students, and to thereby foster the desire among young people to learn good reading and writing skills. The magazine consists of works written by students and includes fiction as well as nonfiction, essays, and poetry.

Recently published in the *High School Writer* was Romulus High School student Melissa Lindquist. Melissa received a Certificate of Literary Merit for her short story, "The Gunfighter's Daughter."

The *High School Writer* received more than 30,000 manuscripts from all over the U.S. during the school year. Over 3,000 were published. □

AIRPORT EXPANSION COMMISSION

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- The role of Northwest Airlines in this expansion is significant. However, the Commission wishes assurances that there are "safeguards" in place to maintain the "balance of power" and integrity between the Airport landlord (the County) and its major tenant, Northwest Airlines.
- The Commission has been expressing concerns regarding the absence of internal auditing at the Metro Airport facility. Out of the top 20 U.S. airports, only Detroit Metropolitan has no internal auditors. It is essential that the Metro Airport audit systems be improved concurrent with this expansion.
- Financial reporting systems that will allow the Commission to perform its fiduciary responsibility must be put in place. With a price tag of \$1.6 billion, taxpayers need reassurances that they will get their money's worth.
- Wayne County's population is one of the most diverse in the Country. The Commission wants to guarantee that there will be fair and equitable participation by disadvantaged business enterprises, women, and minority vendors in all Airport expansion opportunities.
- Safety is among Wayne County residents' greatest concerns. The Commission would like to be assured that the Airport expansion plans maximize Airport safety and provide the greatest degree of convenience for the traveling public.
- Every billion dollars of new investment in the community translates to

25,000 new jobs and millions of dollars in economic development. The Commission wishes to closely examine the economic development plan for Metropolitan Airport and the surrounding community, and also the marketing/promotional plan for the Airport.

"These tasks will not be easy," warned Solomon. "Not only does the Commission need to fully understand the provisions and implications of the proposed Metropolitan Airport expansion agreement, but we also need to be acquainted with the successes of other airports like Atlanta and Orlando, and the 'pitfalls' experienced by airports like Denver."

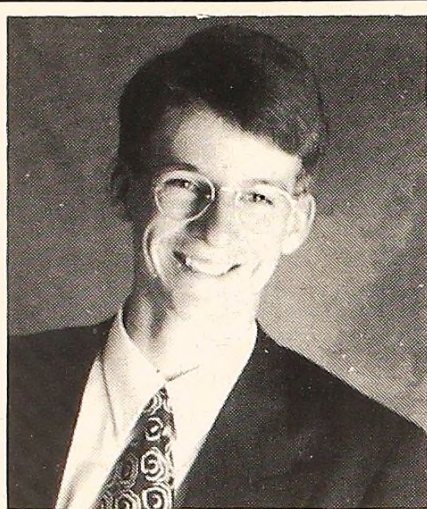
Obviously, said Solomon, the Commission cannot become airport experts in the few months available for review. The Chairman announced that he would be recommending to the Commission that an outside consulting firm, which has expertise in airport expansion projects, be hired to help the Special Committee in its review. Additionally, to facilitate the work of the Special Committee, the Chairman forwarded, on May 28, an initial inquiry to Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara requesting that specific information regarding this agreement.

"The Wayne County Commission applauds the efforts of County Executive McNamara, and his team on their efforts to bring this exciting project to Wayne County," Solomon concluded. "It is now the Commissioner's turn to help make this proposal a reality for our citizens." □



Special Tree's Betty Milledge congratulates Stefanie Clemons.

Romulus High School Class of 1996



Scott Smith

Romulus High School's Class of 1996 is undoubtedly a class of distinction. It's top-ten students – six of whom earned valedictory honors with a grade-point average of 4.0 or better – are a reflection of the students' determination and intelligence. The ten-best students include:

Scott A. Smith

Scott Smith ranked first in his class with a GPA of 4.152. He is the son of proud Romulus graduates Conley and Paula Smith, and the brother of another Romulus graduate, Bret Smith.

Scott has been active in many school organizations, notably Project Serve, the Class of 1996 Student Government, National Honor Society (NHS), Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), and the Golf Team. He has served as Class President for three years and Student Government President for two. Scott is one of Romulus High School's six outstanding valedictorians this year, and was the recipient of a Remus Service Award and service letter.

Scott's future plans include attending Albion College (Albion, MI) this fall, from which he hopes to go on to a very successful and wealthy future in the world of business. At some point, he may consider public office – possibly sending "Mr. Smith" to Washington.

Brian J. Steffani

Brian Steffani, tied for first in his class, is the son of Sean and Sandy Steffani.

Brian has participated in numerous extracurricular activities such as Tutoring, Student Government, Class of '96 Leadership, and SADD, in addition to taking advanced classes.

After high school, Brian will attend Eastern Michigan University. He plans on becoming either a prosecuting attorney or an FBI or CIA agent.

Brian Tomchick

Brian Tomchick – the son of Mark and Linda Tomchick – ranked third in his class with a GPA of 4.1, and is another of the six valedictorians. He was involved in Cross Peer Tutoring, NHS, Varsity Tennis, and the 1996 Multicultural Symposium.

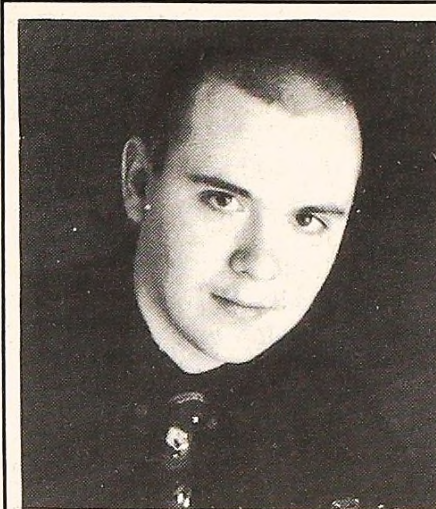
Brian plans on attending the University of Michigan and hopes to gain access to the Graphic Design programs for career anticipation.

Kimberly Mientkiewicz

Kimberly Mientkiewicz, ranked fourth in her class with a GPA of 4.104, is the daughter of Ken and Bonnie Mientkiewicz.

Kimberly has been an active leader as Class Secretary and Student Government member. She is also a member of the NHS, SADD, the Cheerleading Squad, and the Symphony Band. She has participated in numerous community-service activities.

One of the six valedictorians, Kimberly received many awards at the Honors Night assembly. These included many departmental awards, the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the Air Force Math and Science Award, and Academic Achievement awards. Kimberly also received the Romulus Rotary and Earl



Brian J. Steffani

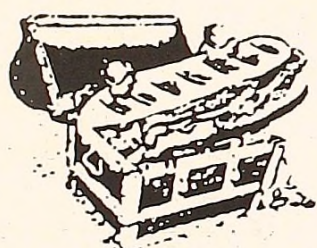
Lamb/Robert Brock scholarships, which she will use in continuing her education at Western Michigan University.

Stefanie Clemons

Ranked fifth in her class with a GPA of 4.066, Stefanie Clemons is the daughter of Georgetta Clemons. Stefanie will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall. Her future goal is to attend medical school and become a doctor.

Throughout high school, Stefanie has been involved in a number of activities. She played Girls' Basketball for

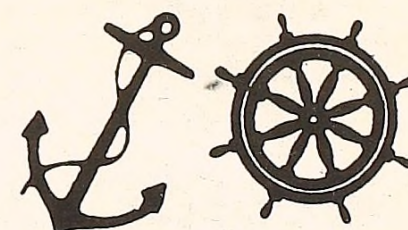
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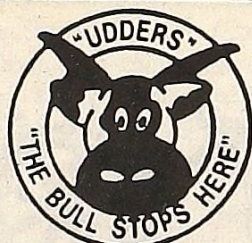
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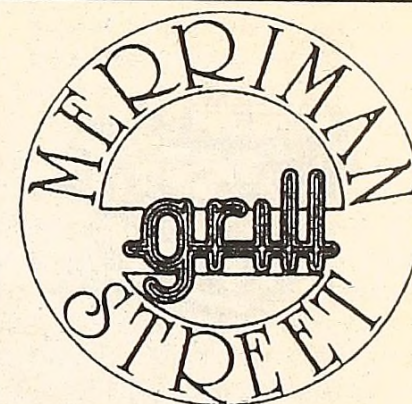


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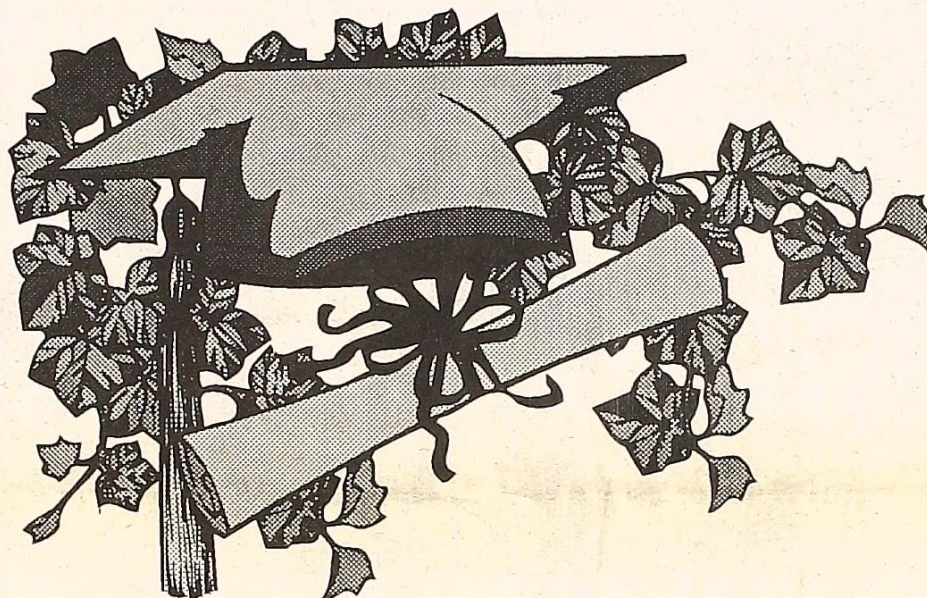
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Ms. Alice from My Friends & Me poses with proud Trike-A-Thon participants: (standing, from left) Emily Davis, Harry Capron, Katelyn Crossman, and Bryan McGee; and (seated, from left) Katlyn Butzin and Garrett McCraight.

The week of May 13 was set aside at My Friends & Me Children's Center, Mt. Pleasant School, Romulus, to teach children proper safety habits for bicycles, tricycles, and riding toys.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital offers a safety program which the center has been using for four years to make children aware of bike safety at an early age through stories and special coloring sheets. After a week of studying, the Center held a Trike-A-Thon, in which parents of the children sought pledges for St. Jude Hospital.

In all, 25 children from My Friends & Me, all between the ages of three

and six, participated in the Trike-A-Thon, riding laps around a track. Riders' distances ranged from two to an impressive 36 laps.

Now that the event is over, the pledge money is being collected. Katlyn Butzin of Romulus had already collected over \$380 in pledges before the ride even began.

St. Jude Hospital is the leading center for the study of childhood cancers—which, next to accidents, is the leading killer of children.

The staff of My Friends & Me Children's Center and St. Jude Hospital thank the parents, children, and citizens who sponsored a child during this worthwhile cause. □

Merriman's Reading Rainbow Club Challenges Students



Students pictured read 12 books and received trophies and certificates: (back row) Corporal Randall Foster, Amyre Makeupson, Andrea Williams, Algertha Leonard; (middle row) Takisha Davis, Jenny Cornelius, George Sparr, Matthew Thornton, Jennifer Davis; (front row) Stephanie Durtka, Devon. (Not pictured: Daniel McLaughlin)

In a successful effort to challenge her students to read more books, Mrs. Algertha Leonard, sixth-grade teacher at Merriman Elementary School, developed the Reading Rainbow Club.

The program, which began in January and ended at the end of April, encouraged the fifth- and sixth-graders to read 12 books at their grade level in the three-month period. The students were required to use both the School and the Romulus public libraries, and to include at least one biography in their selections. The students were asked to give a report to the class on their favorite book and to include their ideas on what they would change about the book.

On May 17, an assembly was held to honor the students who had participated in the program. Sixth-grade student Devon Mootry had written and extended invitations to participate in the award ceremony to Amyre Makeupson, Channel 50 News Anchor, and Corporal Randall Foster of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

After the explanation of the purpose of the Rainbow Club by students Christopher Freeman and Matthew Thornton, the participants introduced themselves and read a brief summary of a book they had read.

Guest speaker Amyre Makeupson encouraged the audience to "take your mind to places you've never been, learn new things, and meet new people" by continuing to read and write. Corporal Foster emphasized to the students that reading would have a bearing on what they do when they leave school. He noted, "You have no idea how much your life depends upon your learning how to read."

Engraved trophies and certificates of recognition were presented by the guest speakers to the students who achieved the goal of reading 12 books. The 61 students who managed to read anywhere from between one and 11 books were each awarded a certificate of recognition.

First-grade teacher, Mrs. Barbara Jaszcz, gave the closing address, emphasizing to the students that they have only started the journey of reading, and that learning never stops.

Mrs. Donna Lindquist, Student Council moderator, presented a bouquet of roses and a Merriman t-shirt to Amyre Makeupson, and a box of candy and a T-shirt to Corporal Foster in appreciation of their contributions to the assembly.

Merriman parent, Mr. Mark Mootry, videotaped the event for the school. □

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Readers of all ages will show their participation in the program by having their names on ethnic boy and girl paper-dolls displayed on the walls of the Library. By playing a guessing game which will have the children counting different types of Italian pasta in a jar, they can win a special prize. And, once again, a few prizes will be given away at each program. A new incentive for the children to read, and keep track of their time spent reading, will be specific prizes when they complete five, 10, and 15 hours. Library staff members are excited about this new addition because it allows everyone to get prizes during the summer.

The give-aways and prizes are generously donated by the Romulus Friends of the Library, so they are free to all who attend. Some prizes are being donated by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce, as well.

Library hours for the summer are: Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 12 to 5 p.m. (The Library is closed Saturday and Sunday.)

Programming Schedule

- June 10 – Registration begins.
- June 17 – Begin reading today!
- June 19, 1 p.m. – Listen to wonderful Indian Lore with "Laughing Cloud."
- June 26, 1 p.m. – William & Di's Absolutely Baffling "The Magic of Reading."
- July 3, 1 p.m. – A fun-filled day of games and crafts with Library staff and volunteers
- July 10, 1 p.m. – Storyteller Dawn Daniels will entertain with "American Folktales."
- July 17, 1 p.m. – Bob Wittersheim and his animal friends from Oakwoods Metro Park.
- July 24, 1:30 p.m. – Vivian Sheedy presents her ever-popular "Fishing Program."
- July 26 – Last day to record reading time at the Library.
- July 31, 10:30 a.m. – Certificates and prizes presented. Marcey Walsh will present "Instruments Around the World."

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three years, and was Team Captain for two of those years. Additionally, she was the Boys' Basketball Manager for four years. She played in both Symphony and Marching Band for two years and was also a member of Health Occupations Students of America.

Stefanie is very excited about her many accomplishments in high school. She has been on the Principal's Honor Roll for all four years and received Academic Achievement Awards for three years, is a member of the NHS, and was nominated for the Youth National Forum on Medicine and the National Heisman Award for Sports.

Rich G. Baldwin

Rich Baldwin, son of Richard and Anita Baldwin, is ranked sixth in the graduating Class of 1996 of Romulus High School, where he was enrolled in college preparatory classes.

While in high school, Rich was involved in NHS for three years, serving as President of the group during his senior year, and was Vice-President of the Senior Class. Rich also played two years of Varsity Baseball for the High School.

Rich is planning on attending Boston University in the fall to study political science.

Raphael Crawford

Raphael Crawford, ranked seventh in the senior class with a GPA of 3.9, is the eldest son of Samuel Crawford and Theresa Powers.

Raphael has been an Academic Achievement Award recipient for three years and a member of the NHS for two years.

In the summers of 1994 and 1995, Raphael attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp as a Jazz Trombone major. In March of 1995, he earned a "I" rating on his proficiency solo at the MSBO State Band Festival. Two months later, Raphael was selected to participate in the Michigan All-State Jazz Band. The following March, Raphael was chosen as the "Best Soloist" at the first annual Wyandotte Jazz Festival. Recently, Raphael played in the All-State Jazz Band for his second year.

Presently, Raphael is a member of the Fairlane Youth Pops Orchestra, and leads his own jazz quintet, called "After Hours." He will be attending Western Michigan University this fall as a Jazz Studies major.

Anthony B. Reed

Anthony Reed – ranked eighth in his class with a GPA of 3.898 – is the youngest of two sons born to Mrs. Doborah A. Reed.

Anthony's senior year was the most influential of his high-school career. It was during that time that he and other band members formed the jazz quintet known as "After Hours." Anthony has

developed the habit of writing songs – a feat made unusual by the fact he plays percussion.

It was also during Anthony's senior year that he served as co-editor-in-chief of *Creative Dimensions*, a literary magazine produced by the Creative Writing class at Romulus High School. Perhaps this experience is what has most influenced Anthony's decision to continue his education (it will never come to an end, he says) at the University of Michigan and become a writer.

Jeremy Matthews

Jeremy Matthews, ranked ninth in his class with a GPA of 3.871, is the son of Lionel and Walterine Matthews.

Jeremy was the recipient of three Academic Achievement Awards, a Student of the Month award, a Foreign Language Award (Spanish), a Kiwanis Award, a Michigan Competitive Scholarship, and the Wayne-Romulus Optimist Scholarship. Among his activities and interests are Varsity Tennis, Math Tutoring, Student Government, NHS, the Cultural Diversity Symposium, and serving as a Salvation Army Bell Ringer.

He plans to go to Columbia Union College in Maryland, where he will major in Mathematics and minor in Spanish while pursuing an Electrical Engineering degree at the University of Maryland. The Spanish minor will require him to complete a year of school in Spain. This, he feels, will be fundamental to his career because knowledge of a foreign language should make him more marketable as an engineer. Jeremy would like to work for an auto company, IBM, or Microsoft, or do research for a university.

Carl Blanton

Carl Blanton, ranked tenth in his class with a GPA of 3.8, is the son of Robin Blanton and Joann Bjork.

Throughout high school, he has been involved in many activities, including Junior Achievement, Symphony Band, Students Talk on Pregnancy Prevention (STOPP), NHS, SADD, and Junior Varsity Football. He has maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher through all four years of high school. He also received Student of the Month recognition several times over the years.

Carl plans on attending the University of Michigan in Dearborn for two years, then transferring to the Ann Arbor Campus to complete his degree. His current plan is to major in Chemical Engineering. He is not sure, however, if he would like to pursue his master's degree or seek employment after receiving his bachelor's degree.

Romulus High School's Graduating Class of 1996

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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deepwells can be operated safely and will protect the groundwater. In addition, while this facility has operated, the property values in surrounding areas have risen (per Century 21 in Fremont, Ohio).

In reference to a State of Michigan Internal memorandum indicating that the Geological Survey Division did not have the resources to inspect the EDS well facility

On the issue of Ms. Yerman's concern over the MDNR (Michigan Department of Natural Resources) memorandum, EDS does not believe this is an issue because the primary inspection for a facility of this type in Michigan belongs with the Waste Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ; formerly the MDNR) and the USEPA's Underground Injection Control Division. The facility will also be inspected by the Wayne County Department of Health and the State of Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration.

In addition to scheduled and random inspections to be made by the above-mentioned agencies, tests have to be conducted by independent testing companies on all critical safety elements on an annual basis.

The facility will also be monitored by a City, County, or State inspector on a full-time basis to verify that operations are conducted in accordance with applicable regulations. The cost of this independent inspector will be paid for by EDS, as has been offered to former Mayor Beverly McAnally and the current City Administration.

Any concerns about having adequate inspection for such an EDS facility were also discussed and answered by representatives from the USEPA and the State of Michigan Waste Management Division on May 15, 1996, at the Romulus High School. These issues were also addressed at EDS' open house meetings held in December of 1995 and January of 1996.

I hope that this clarifies which agencies are responsible for inspecting such

an EDS facility, and why the level of Geological Survey inspections is not a concern.

Possible uses of EDS royalties

Ms. Yerman stated that it would take Romulus 28 years to save up EDS royalties to pay for a \$14-million recreation center. On the contrary, a recreation center does not need to be as extensive as to cost \$14 million; however, even if it was desired to spend \$14 million, it could be developed through loans or other financial tools currently used by the City to finance such developments. On developments like a recreation center, you need a "can-do" approach. On a question like this, I suggest you ask a financial expert with the City to look at what options exist to develop funding for such a project.

Is correspondence between EDS and all the agencies (since August 28, 1991) on file in the Information Repository that was recently established at the Romulus Public Library?

The answer is no. The reason: These information repositories were, as advertised, established to contain all agency correspondence related to our upcoming ACT 451, Part 111 permit applications; not past activities that do not relate to this application. The correspondence to which you are referring can easily be obtained by a Freedom of Information Act request to the USEPA. As to whether or not "conversations" would be in the repository, no, we do not have tapes of any such conversations, nor are they in the repository.

Ms. Yerman, your questions were sincerely appreciated.

Yours truly,
Austin Marshall, Vice President
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Local Boy Seeks Pageant's "Baby Master" Title

Hello, my name is Daniel Edward Callahan III. I am three years old and I am on my way to Hollywood, California. I am going to compete in the Baby American National finals.

Dad and Mom are very pleased because I have already won the title of Mr. Michigan in the Premier Pageants-Michigan State finals, as well as being named the photogenic winner.

I was also a runner-up in the Baby America Pageant-Michigan State finals, and a photogenic honorable-mention.

My main goal now is to win the title Baby Master in the National Pageant, but I would also like to be a professional baseball player when I grow up.

I would be very grateful if anyone out there could help in sponsoring my trip to California and help to make my dreams come true.



Daniel Edward Callahan III

Please contact Daniel or Lisa at 292-9177 or at 563-3921. □

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Have You Seen Me?



Please call 941-3674 if you have seen Monk, who has been lost since May 11.

"Monk" was four weeks old when she was found in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, back in 1978. She was nursed back to health thanks to the care she received from Dr. Graff at Belleville Animal Hospital, and has lived with Mrs. Stabenow of Romulus for the last 18 years.

During the first 12 years of Monk's life, she lived in the old home at Five Points, which has since been moved to Romulus Historic Park near the Post Office. Since then, her home has been at 36885 Porter near Sharon Street, where she disappeared on May 11 after accidentally getting out of the house.

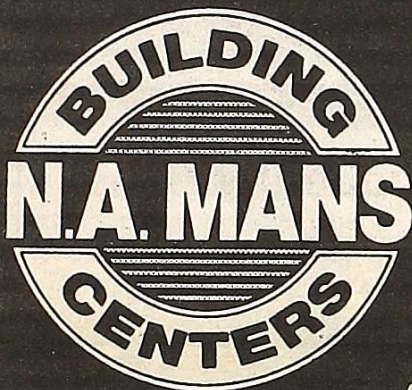
Monk is not well; this is probably the last year of her life. Mrs. Stabenow would like very much to get her back. She needs medical attention and is terribly missed.

If anyone out there knows of Monk's whereabouts or has rescued her, please contact Mrs. Stabenow at 941-3674. A reward is offered.

Senior Moms Enjoy Their Special Day at Romulus Tower Luncheon



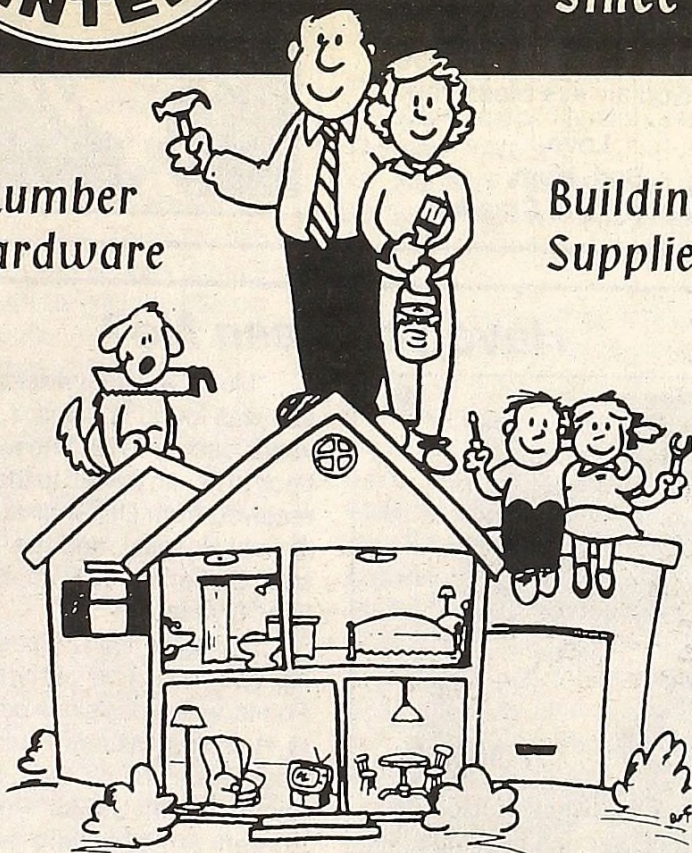
(Left photo) Alta Curtis (right) and daughter Debra Curtis, and (right photo) Robble Hughes (right) and her special friend, were among the approximately 120 people who attended a special Mother's Day Luncheon at the Romulus Tower senior-citizens' apartments on May 10.



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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of June: Jim Chamberlain, Ola Gamber, Stella Killingbec, Norbert Kolbe, Doris Mackie, Eva Nash, Joseph Scibilia, Irene Seborowski, and Pearl Wilks.

Out to Lunch

Join old and new friends for "Lunch Out" on Friday, June 21, when the Romulus Senior Center's van travels to Monroe to sample the fare at the Ranch House restaurant. Payment of a \$1.50 transportation fee (does not include lunch) at sign-up reserves your seat.

The Berry Best in Festivals

The Romulus Senior Center's van will be traveling to Belleville on Saturday, June 15, to visit that city's annual Strawberry Festival. Cost is just \$1.50 for transportation. Sign up at the Center.

That's Stretching Things a Bit

A new twice-weekly exercise program – held at the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. – features light routines designed to increase flexibility and improve strength and tone. The Senior Center suggests that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before joining the class.

Some Cutting Remarks

The Romulus Senior Center has arranged to have a licensed cosmetologist come to the Center once a month to provide haircutting services for seniors. Because of limited facilities, clients are asked to wash their own hair before coming in. Cost is just \$5.

This month's date will be June 10. Seniors will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 4 p.m.

A Crafty Idea

Although the Center's weekly craft program is on hiatus for the summer, a special "stained-glass T-shirt" class – planned for Thursday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – should keep crafters' creative juices flowing. Sign up at the Center; cost is \$1 (does not include materials). A materials list will be available at the time of sign-up.

"Father's Day" Potluck

Sloppy Joes will be the featured fare at the Senior Center's next potluck, set for June 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. As always, bring a dish and bring a friend.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley will continue his twice-monthly "Ask the Attorney" service at the Romulus Senior Center on Wednesday, June 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. Senior citizens can either walk in (36515 Bibbins) or call in (942-6852) to take advantage of this free legal advice.

Senior Olympics

Downriver men and women ages 50 and older are invited to compete in the 11th Annual Downriver Senior Olympics, hosted this year by the Woodhaven Recreation Department during the week of August 5–9.

Seniors can enter one or more of the following contests: baking, frisbee toss, billiards, shuffleboard, bocci ball, bowling, horseshoes (hosted by Romulus), ping pong, volleyball, softball tournament, softball throw, basketball shoot, golf (closest to pin), golf (best ball scramble), euchre, pinochle, and bridge.

Competition will be split into four divisions: Class A (ages 50–59), Class B (ages 60–69), Class C (ages 70–79), and Class D (80+).

Participants pay \$1 per event plus a \$5 registration fee (includes a Senior Olympics T-shirt). Deadline for registration is July 3, 1996. *No late entries will be accepted.*

Winding up Olympics Week will be a banquet recognizing Olympics participants, medal-winners, and sponsors. This banquet – to be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, August 9, at Southgate's Crystal Gardens – is open to all Olympics participants and guests. Tickets are \$12 per person.

For more information, contact the Romulus Senior Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Soaring Eagle Casino** – No matter what the name of your game, Mt. Pleasant's Soaring Eagle Casino can accommodate your interests with its high-tech bingo hall and selection of slots and gaming tables. The \$40 cost of this one-day trip – set to depart at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 9, and return at 8 p.m. – includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and dinner at a local restaurant.

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Oral History Project Brings Local Seniors Together with RHS Youths

Students from the Freshman English Department of Romulus High School recently completed an Oral History Project designed to bring them together with elders from our community in order to foster a better understanding between the two generations. The project involved setting up interviews between students and seniors to allow the students to ask questions about what it was like when the elders were young, and to give the seniors an opportunity to find out what it's like to be a teenager today. Students then used what they learned during the interviews to write biographies of the elders; these biographies were compiled in book form

for publishing.

Altogether, the project proved to be a wonderful learning opportunity for the young people, combining lessons in manners, listening, organizing, writing, history, compassion, and understanding into an enjoyable experience that was educational and worthwhile for the older participants, too.

And now the rest of the community will have a chance to share in the insight of our youngsters and the experience of our elders because, beginning with this issue and continuing in every other issue, "the little paper" will be publishing these senior biographies. Be sure to watch for them!

Floyd & Jessie Crandall



Floyd and Jessie Crandall

By Kim Studstill and Betty Jo Caines

Floyd Crandall was a bright and witty student in school. His favorite subjects were drama, music, and sports. Floyd was very active in sports. He broke his nose once playing football with his friends. But all this had to come to an abrupt end, because Floyd was forced to quit school due to family problems. Floyd then decided to join the Marines. This was a decision he would never regret. He had the chance to visit such countries as Iceland, Finland, and New Zealand.

While in the Marines, Floyd met a young lady named Jessie Haga. Jessie Haga grew up in a strict family. She was one of the only girls in a family of mostly men. While in her teens a tragedy happened, her father died. She then decided to join the Navy and go into nursing.

Floyd Crandall and Jessie Haga met in the service. Floyd was a patient of Jessie's. This was love at first sight. Floyd and Jessie secretly met while on weekend leave and married on February 26, 1944. During this

period of time, women were only allowed to be in the service if they were single. At this time Floyd was being discharged from the service due to medical problems. Jessie was also discharged from the service because of her recent marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Crandall tried for many years to have a child. After several miscarriages and being denied the opportunity to adopt, the agencies said they were too old to adopt; Jessie was 34. Finally, three years later, Rita Marie Crandall was born. Rita was the joy of Floyd and Jessie's life. There was just one problem. Rita didn't enjoy school at all. The Crandalls were also involved in 4-H which seemed to be interesting to Rita. The Crandalls noticed that Rita was very fond of horses, so they bought her one hoping it would give her a hobby.

This gave their daughter a more enthusiastic feeling towards school. Horses gave Rita a new outlook on education. The Crandalls always felt that education was first priority. Rita even met her husband due to her fondness of horses. She married the son of the man who owned the horse stable. Rita and her husband then sold their horse and put a down payment on their home.

After Rita grew up and was married, the Crandalls say they just led an "ordinary life." Once, in 1987, they took a long trip, visiting such states as California, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. This was sort of a "working vacation" they took with some friends selling Air Base souvenirs such as pins and T-shirts. They were gone for about three months.

Now they are currently living in Romulus in the Senior Tower. They are together, healthy, and happy. That's how they plan to be for many years. □

The Stork Arrived

Rachel Luv LaPorte



Proud parents of a new daughter, Rachel Luv, are Troy and Judy LaPorte of Romulus, Michigan.

Rachel was born in Wyandotte General Hospital at 1:45 a.m. Wednesday, February 14, weighing in at eight pounds, seven ounces, and measuring 20 inches.

Especially excited about Rachel's arrival was her big brother, Travis Thor Leroy LaPorte.

Rachel's paternal grandparents are Leroy and Virginia LaPorte (Romulus, MI); James and Norine Braden (Warren, MI) are her maternal grandparents. □

Engagement

Jablonkay/Bouquenoy

Roger and Faith Bouquenoy of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Loretta Bouquenoy, to Geza Alexander Jablonkay, the son of Geza and Elizabeth Jablonkay of Southgate, Michigan.

Geza, a 1987 graduate of Romulus High School, has a two-year degree from ITT and is employed as a service representative technician at Johnstone Pumps.

Marie, who graduated from Romulus High School in 1993, attended Henry Ford College for one year and currently works in sales.

Geza and Marie have been together for two and a half years. The couple became engaged in August of 1995,



and plan to marry sometime in October of 1997. □

Obituary

Craig A. Livingston

Craig A. Livingston of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, May 26, 1996. He was 34 years old.

The self-employed, private pilot was also an artist who enjoyed wood-working and playing piano and the guitar. He was also active as a Cub Scout co-leader.

Surviving Craig are his father, Robert Livingston (CA); sister Kristine Lorbeske and her husband Daniel (Romulus, MI); and sister Patricia Halkyard (CA). He is also survived by a niece, Danielle Lorbeske (Romulus, MI); a

nephew, Stephen Blasinsky (Romulus, MI); best friends Wayne and Cathy Laginess (Romulus, MI); and godchildren Brandon, Hailie, and Colton Laginess.

Craig was predeceased by his mother, Barbara Livingston, in 1995.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 1, with Pastor Donald "Mike" McClellan (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were handled by Pawlus Funeral Home (Belleville, MI). □

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